

EXAMINERSHIP IN MEDICINE
(Systematic and Clinical),
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.

APPLICATION

BY

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*TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT,
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for one of the Examinerships in Medicine (Systematic and Clinical) now vacant in the University.

I am a graduate of the University of Glasgow, having received the degree of M.B. in 1872, and M.D. in 1877. I am also a Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. My professional education was conducted in Glasgow University, and was supplemented by a winter's residence for study in Berlin, and by a year's work as House Physician and House Surgeon in Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

I was two years in practice in South Africa, and have for the past twenty-eight years been in active practice in this city.

In May, 1880, I was appointed Assistant to the Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in Glasgow University; in this office my work brought me into intimate contact with students, and gave me a thorough familiarity with the usual methods of teaching and examining. During two whole years, while Professor Charteris was laid aside through illness, I had entire charge of the classes, delivered my own Lectures, and conducted the Class Examinations and the Examinations for Graduation.

In August, 1888, I succeeded Professor James Morton in the Chair of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in

Anderson's College Medical School; this chair I held for five years.

In February, 1890, I was appointed (and I still am) one of the Visiting Physicians to the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; I have thus at my disposal ample clinical facilities for the work of Examination.

Since March, 1890, I have been an Examiner in *Materia Medica* and *Therapeutics* for the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, and for the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; during the past six years also I have been an Examiner in *Clinical Medicine* for the same Conjoint Board.

I am an Examiner in Dermatology for the Fellowship of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

In 1878 I became closely connected with the management of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, and from 1882 till 1889 was joint-editor of that *Journal*.

Appended is a list of contributions made by me to medical literature, together with testimonials in support of my present candidature.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Yours obediently,

ALEX. NAPIER.

CROSSHILL,

GLASGOW, Oct., 1904.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY DR. NAPIER TO MEDICAL LITERATURE.

1. Physiology and Pathology of the Sympathetic System of Nerves.
By PROF. A. EULENBURG and DR. P. GUTTMANN. 1879.
Pp. 146. Translated by DR. A. NAPIER.

It was for this work that the Astley Cooper prize for 1877 was originally awarded, a decision, however, which was subsequently overthrown on the technical ground that the essay was the work of two authors, and not of one only, as the terms of Sir A. Cooper's will were found to require.

2. A Handbook of Physical Diagnosis, comprising the Throat, Thorax, and Abdomen. By DR. P. GUTTMANN. Translated from the third German edition, for the New Sydenham Society, by DR. A. NAPIER. 1879. Pp. 441.
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3. Manual of Stretcher Drill. Prepared by Alex. Napier, M.D., V.D., Brigade Surgeon, Lt.-Colonel, The Scot. Rifles Vol. Infy. Brigade. For St. Andrew's Ambulance Association. Glasgow, 1902.
4. On the Use of Chrysophanic Acid Internally in Psoriasis. *Lancet*. 26th May, 1882.
5. Eczema of the Nipple. *Glasgow Medical Journal*. September, 1882.
6. Case of Purpura. *Glasgow Medical Journal*. February, 1883.
7. Vaccinal Eruptions. *Glasgow Medical Journal*. June, 1883.
8. Purulent Pneumonia, due to Foreign Body in Bronchus. *Glasgow Medical Journal*. January, 1885.

9. The Oleates. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* April, 1885.
10. Case of Advanced Aortic Disease. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* May, 1885.
11. Intercurrent Hepatitis and Retained Gall-Stones. *British Medical Journal,* 8th May, 1886.
12. Case of Bilharzia Hæmatobia. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* December, 1887.
13. Case of Mediastinal Tumour presenting certain of the features of Hodgkin's Disease in a patient who had suffered from Genuine Rheumatic Attacks. [With Dr. J. L. Steven.] *Glasgow Medical Journal.* Dec., 1889.
14. Demonstration of Koch's Method of Treatment in the Victoria Infirmary. *Lancet.* 20th December, 1890.
15. Cases treated by Koch's Method in the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* May, 1891.
16. Notes of a case of Myxœdema treated by subcutaneous injections of an extract of sheep's thyroid. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* September, 1892.
17. Selection of Thyroid Gland for Administration in Myxœdema. *Lancet.* 4th February, 1893.
18. Diuresis and Increased Excretion of Urea in the Thyroid Treatment of Myxœdema. *Lancet.* 30th February, 1893.
19. Seven cases of Myxœdema treated by Thyroid Feeding. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* August, 1894.
20. Chorea in Young Women. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* February, 1897.
21. Case of Lupus of Naso-Pharynx in a Syphilitic Subject treated mainly by Tuberculin. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* February, 1897.
22. Case of Acromegaly. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* May, 1898.
23. Recovery from Tubercular Meningitis in a child. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* Novr., 1898.
24. Lupus of thirty-two years' standing cured by Curetting, Cautery, and Tuberculin. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* Feby. 1899.

25. Three cases of primary ovarian Sarcoma. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* March, 1899.
26. Hypertrophic Cirrhosis of Liver with enlargement of Spleen (Hanot's disease). *Glasgow Medical Journal.* March, 1901.
27. Cases of Lymphatic Leukæmia and of Pernicious Anæmia (with Dr. John Anderson). *Glasgow Medical Journal.* April, 1902.
28. Case of Acromegaly. *Glasgow Medical Journal.* August, 1904.
29. Numerous Reviews and Translations in *Glasgow Medical Journal*, 1878-97. These include "Medical Items" (relating chiefly to Materia Medica and Therapeutics), which appeared monthly, 1878-85; the Periscope of Dermatology, and that of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, 1886-88: and Abstracts on Skin Diseases, 1889-97.

TESTIMONIALS.

*From SIR WM. TENNANT GAIRDNER, K.C.B., M.D.,
LL.D., F.R.S., etc.; Hon. Physician in Ordinary to
H.M. The King in Scotland; late Professor of
Medicine in Glasgow University.*

32 GEORGE SQUARE,
EDINBURGH, 13th October, 1904.

I HAVE already given a testimonial to Dr. Guthrie Rankin for the office of Examiner in Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the University of Glasgow, but as I hear there are two vacancies I do not on this account feel debarred from putting in evidence what is known to me of DR. NAPIER, who is in every way a most competent and experienced hospital physician in connection with the Victoria Infirmary. The great object, in my opinion, in all these appointments is to have someone who, in co-operating with the Professor, will at the same time stand in a position of perfect impartiality as regards the students examined,—and a Physician of the Victoria Infirmary is for the most part in this position of independence and impartiality as regards the students of the Glasgow school. In fact, I do not know any one in Glasgow who is in this respect to be preferred to Dr. Napier, who will also be able (as Dr. Duncan did in my time) to make available for the examiners the clinical material of the Victoria Infirmary in his own wards and those of his colleagues. I recommend him accordingly to the favourable notice of the Court.

W. T. GAIRDNER.

From JAMES FINLAYSON, M.D., LL.D., Physician to the Glasgow Western Infirmary; Late President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; Consulting Physician to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and to the Glasgow Ear Hospital, etc.

2 WOODSIDE PLACE,
CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, 12th October, 1904.

DR. ALEX. NAPIER is well known to me as a most careful and painstaking physician.

His long experience now in the wards of the Victoria Hospital, and his translation of Guttmann's book on Physical Diagnosis, seem to me strong recommendations in his application for the examinership in Medicine at the University of Glasgow.

His experience as a Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics, both in the University and in Anderson's College, and his experience, likewise, as an examiner in these subjects for the Triple Board are additional recommendations.

His sound judgment and his care in his work may be relied on, if appointed to this responsible position.

JAMES FINLAYSON.

